A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works)—

(*a*) The report is under submission to Government.

(*b*) Expected to be received very soon.

(*c*) Does not arise at this stage in view of replies to (*a*) and (*b*).

Q.—29. Sri B. MADHAVACHAR (Bhadravathi).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the committee appointed to examine the question of revising the Sales-Tax System has submitted the Report;

(*b*) if so, whether copies of the said report will be made available to Members ?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Reveuue and Public Works).—

(*a*) The Report of the Committee is under submission to Government.

(*b*) Yes, after the Report is considered by Government.

Q.—501. Srimathi BELLARY SIDDAMMA (Davangere).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to their knowledge that the present system of collecting the sales-tax has much discouraged the merchant class in their business;

(*b*) the steps, if there are any, taken by them for revising the said taxation scheme ?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) and (*b*). On representations made about the hardships caused by the assessment of Sales-tax Government have constituted a Committee to examine the working of the Sales-tax Act and to suggest measures for removing defects, drawbacks and hardships, if any, in its working. The Committee has after examining the several aspects of the question and consulting the representatives of the mercantile and other interests in the State, drawn up its Report which is now under submission to Government. The Committee's recommendations will be examined by Government and a Bill for effecting suitable amendments in the Sales-tax Act brought up before the Legislature shortly.

Q.—274. Sri M. CHIKKALINGAIAH (Malavalli—Scheduled Castes).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) when the Sales-tax Department was started;

(*b*) whether it is a technical department; and

(*c*) if so, whether all the officers working in the Department are trained or qualified in that Department ?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) In September 1948.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*b*) above.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಕರಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ಈಗ ಏನಾದರೂ ಸೇಲ್ಸ್ ಟ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ ಕಮಿಟಿ ವರದಿ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಇವೊತ್ತು ನರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ವರದಿ ಬಂದಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಕರಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಒಂದು Interim Report ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಬಂದಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಕರಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ಆ ನಮಿತಿಯವರು ಶಿಫಾರ್ಸುಮಾಡಿರುವ ಮುಖ್ಯಾಂಶಗಳು ನರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ರೆವೆನ್ಯೂ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳೇ ಆ ನಮಿತಿಯ ಛೇರ್ಮನ್‌ರಾಗಿದ್ದ ಪ್ರಯುಕ್ತ ಆ ನಮಿತಿಯವರ ಮುಖ್ಯಾಂಶಗಳು ನನಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಕರಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ಅವುಗಳ್ಯಾವುವು ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಅವು ನರ್ಕಾರದ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಯಲ್ಲಿವೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is stated that it is under consideration.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಕರಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ಅನೇಕ ಘಟ್ಟಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇಲ್ಸ್‌ಟ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ ಈಗ ಹಾಕುತ್ತಿರುವುದನ್ನು ಬದಲಾಯಿಸಿ ಉತ್ತಮವಾದ ಮಾರ್ಗವನ್ನು ಕಂಡುಹಿಡಿಯುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಈ ನಮಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಏರ್ಪಡಿಸಲಾಯಿತಲ್ಲವೇ ?